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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Sir:

Applicant submits this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Enclosed herewith is a List of References Cited by Applicant (PTO-1449) (one sheet), as well as a copy of each reference listed thereon that is not a U.S. patent or published application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iv), a copy of an International Search Report obtained in connection with a corresponding application has been included herewith.

Inasmuch as each of the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 is in English, no further commentary by Applicant is believed necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Applicant, by submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the


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enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, is otherwise "material to patentability," as that term is defined in that section.

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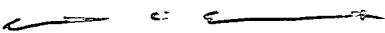
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Applicant believes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified matter, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). However, in the event that the first Office Action has already been mailed and Applicant has not yet received the Office Action, Applicant hereby submits the following statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).


I, William F. Kolakowski III, a registered Patent Attorney having a Registration No. 41,908, and representative for Applicants in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/660,239 filed September 11, 2003, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (including the accompanying Form PTO-1449) was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS		(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)
		International Search Report dated November 22, 2004 in International App. No. PCT/US2004/028845
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